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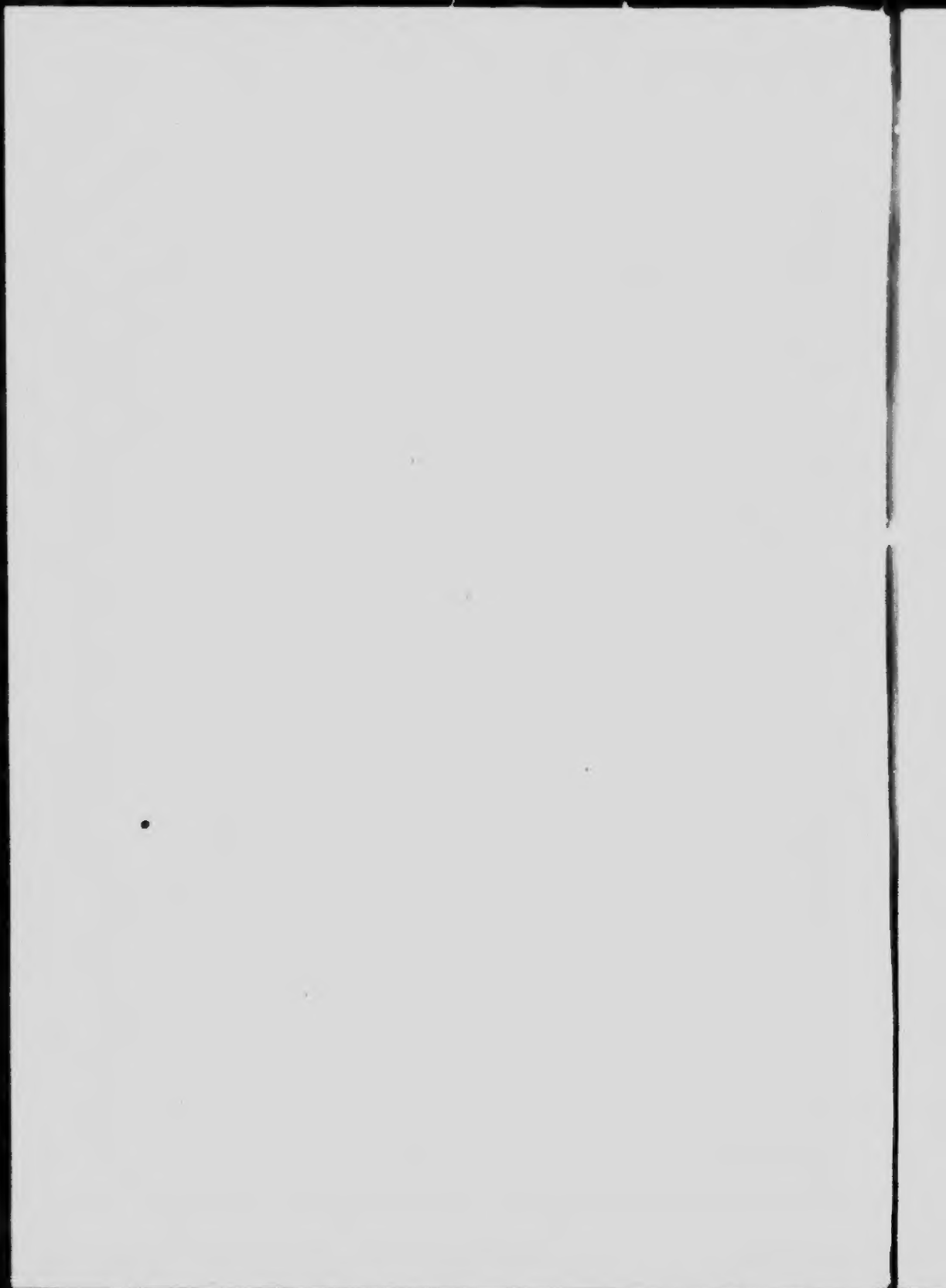
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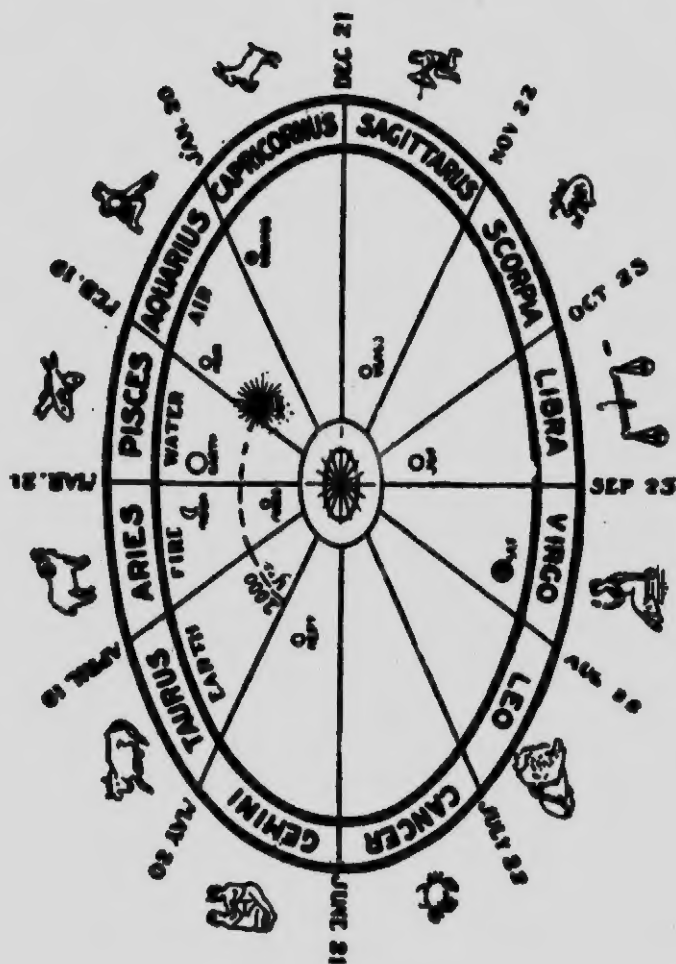
*Dedicated to
Students of Freedom and Progress
Everywhere*



FOREWARD

This little treatise is given for those who are interested in progress and the unfoldment of latent divinity inherent in every individual. It is much in evidence everywhere that great changes are at work, that there are influences pervailing life of which few are conscious; these influences are responsible for the changing thought of thousands; this changed thought is producing dissatisfaction with old conditions and life, especially religiously. This little book attempts to show some of the causes at work and some of the results to follow.

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The Sun's Orbit

The GOLDEN AGE

How It Comes and What It Means.

CHAPTER I.

OUT OF THE PAST

Out of the turmoil, strife and upheavels of the present time, how we are questioning and wondering, prophesying and trying to interpret prophecies of the time that is upon us; and more especially the time into which we are entering.

Men have long expected a new Messiah,—a second Christ,—a Golden Age,—the Millennium. Now everywhere we hear and read of the New Age, of the new times at hand, of new conditions coming; but how few there are who know the how, the why and wherefor of these new conditions,—the causes that are at work behind them, what it is that is bringing about this New Age, the long expected Golden Age or the Millennium. I am undertaking to outline to you the reasons and causes that are at work back of the world changes which are producing new conditions that are everywhere being talked and written about. When a mere boy I often heard my mother and her friends speak of the changes that come to the world every two thousand years. They knew no reason, could give no cause, but from some source they had an idea that a radical change came over the world about every two thousand years.

Students and believers in Astrology are able to account for these changes with exactness. Many of my readers may not be students of or believers in Astrology, but if you will give it consideration and attention without prejudice or bias, you will find that history, as well as the religions of the past, are largely based upon this Science. You will also find that its connection through all the sacred writings of the past stand out very prominently. All new movements, all great changes, all prophecy is based upon Astrological movements of time. The heavens are God's great time piece, and as the Ages move on, the hands of this time piece mark the days and seasons as man measures them. All of the sacred numbers have their origin in Astrology and a deep significance there. The twelve sons of Jacob were born one in each different sign of the Zodiac and each son manifests the peculiar characteristic of the sign in which he was born. The twelve Apostles whom Jesus chose to be his followers were also born one in each sign of the Zodiac; and here again we find the peculiarity of each sign manifest in the personal life of the Disciples. It is a law known among students and observers that the earth and its inhabitants are influenced as the earth passes through the different Zodiacal signs, by the peculiar influences belonging to those signs; the planetary influences are also very marked and very strong. We all know the immense influence of the moon upon our earth and upon the individual, and if the moon (one of the smaller planets) has the influence that it manifestly does upon the earth and upon individuals, what must be the influence of the larger planets upon us.

It is a well known fact that our solar system is moving through space around some great central point supposed to be the Pleiades or Seven Virgins. We pass through these great cycles at the rate of one Zodiacal Sign or heavenly constellation every two thousand one hundred and sixty years, and for this entire period the earth remains in this particular sign gradually moving towards the next (see chart) and it is because of the fact of the different influences of each particular sign upon the earth and its peoples that this new age is coming in;—for there is an intelligence pervading the signs; it is the Intelligence of Infinite Mind manifesting in all creation, whether in things seen or unseen, and it is because we are just entering a new sign that we have the changing conditions that have been at work upon the earth for the past few years, and operating more powerfully today than ever, and these influences are working out what is to be the Golden age; and this age is bringing entirely different conditions in almost every aspect and phase of life, to the age that has preceded it. These Ages are called by different names as we shall note.

THE TAURUS AGE:

Let me now call your attention to the ages, periods, epochs, days (Yoms) of the past six thousand years (according to our reckoning) as we find them in history. I am going to deal largely with the religious phase of this subject because of the fact that the religions and worships of all peoples have a tremendous influence in the lives of these peoples.

Beginning six thousand years ago, we find the system entering Taurus (see illustration) the sign of the Bull. While passing Taurus, the Bull was almost universally worshipped. In Egypt, Chaldea, Persia, India, Japan, Scandinavia, the sacred Bull, or White Bull, was universally worshipped. Juno, Venus, Io, Isis, were all symbolized by the cow or heifer. Mount Calvary was named in honor of the Calf, in recognition of which Adrian built a temple to Venus upon Mount Calvary. Taurus is an earth sign and is productive, generative, vegetative, materialistic, and influences the earth very strongly while it is passing through the sign, as well as the people born in this sign. The Bull represents this sign because he is the strongest animal expression of the generative potency most actively manifest in this sign, as we see it in the spring when vegetation is springing into newness of life; thus Aleph, the Ox or Bull stands for God; but really God meant to the people of that time nothing more or less than the universal creative principle expressed sexually through the generative function; and in this age we know the generating life principle was exceedingly strong and productive. This was the age of long life of which we read in the Bible as in other sacred books; men lived from five hundred to a thousand years, for it was much

easier to live from the materialistic, vegetative standpoint at this time than to die. All the generative and astral influences were strongly at work to keep everything alive and productive on the material plan. This was a materialistic age,—an age of large things, and great things! During this age the Pyramids were reared, the Sphinx carved, the Winged Bulls of Nineveh chiselled, the walls of Baldec were reared, the splendid temples and cathedrals of Karnac builded,—temples and cathedrals beside which our grandest would be but cheap structures. All the productions of this age were large and of a materialistic nature, and many still remain to tell something of the wonderful story of the age. We find that all characteristics of the sign were material and earthly, and all the peculiarities and influences of the sign were worked out upon the earth and in the personality and individuality of the peoples of that time.

ARIES AGE:

The system now passes into the constellation Aries, the Ram. This was the time when the Noachian flood occurred, and this event seems to stand out upon the pages of history marking time on the dial plate of God's great time piece as the beginning of another age. Now old things pass away and new things begin. The worship of the Bull as a sacred object begins to decline. During this age the sun and fire are worshipped as essence of God, and new ideas of worship begin to prevail, growing out of new and unseen astral and psychic influences which begin to prevail unconsciously in the minds of the people. This is a fire sign, and all the elements of fire begin to manifest as we move into it, the "earthy" begins to change to the fiery, and this is seen in

the religious as in the material changes and conditions. Now begins the age of burnt sacrifices, of burnt offerings; of altars where the fires burned continuously with the idea of purifying by burning,—a perpetual burning. Now begins distinctively the age of Prophets and Priests, intercessors between the people and God. It was in this age the hell and purgatory idea had its origin. Now the thought of sacrifice possesses the people and a new religion begins to manifest itself. This sign is the sign of the head, of intelligence. Man begins to think and to develop mentally and intellectually because the influences at work are now leading away from the purely materialistic influences as they prevailed in the preceding age.

Josephus, speaking of the signs and wonders of the times, said: "A heifer being led to sacrifice brought forth a lamb." Accordingly out of this sign the "Ram" or "Lamb" idea or thought prevailed. Jesus was spoken of as the "Lamb of God" hence comes our idea of him as such. During this age men's lives began to shorten, the earth became less productive and there was less moisture. Drought and heat began to prevail, and as times moves on an entire change took place not only as relates to thought, but to all phases of life among the people.

PISCES AGE:

The system now moves into the Zodiacal Sign of Pisces, a water sign, the sign of the two fishes,—a dual sign. Being a water sign, we find it a fruitful, fertile age. While the earth is passing through Pisces in her annual round, we celebrate Lent and use a fish diet in honor of the sign and its Lord, Jupiter, whence comes our idea of a fish diet.

During the lenten period, Friday and Sunday are revered as sacred days. At the beginning of this age Jesus was born and his birth stands out upon the dial plate marking the hour of the beginning of a new age. Again old things pass away and new things begin. The root of the word "Jesus" is Ichthus, the Greek word for fish. The root of the word Nazareth is Greek and means materialization. The word "Mary" is derived from water, or the "pure sea." Jesus means materialized substance. Out of Mary the pure sea of substance, comes Jesus, body of the Christ.

The Twelve Disciples were fishermen and most of the instances and allegories of the new testament are in some manner connected with fish and fishermen, the Sea of Galilee, or water in general, for we are now in a water age and the influences and ideas of this sign are exceedingly "watery." Water navigation and steam power have been developed to their fullest extent during this age. The church has used water as a symbol of salvation in baptism and holy water. We find here the term "unstable as water" signifying unrest; we have "troubled waters" and "watered stocks."

George W. Carey says: "About the beginning of the Pisces Cycle, or Age, John the Baptist came baptizing with water, out of which the fish Jesus was to come; for, be it known that Jesus is derived from the word 'Ichthus,' Greek for fish."

The early Christians (fish worshippers) used two fishes as an Occult symbol of their cult and faith. These followers of the Fish were scientific. The priesthood of the dark ages stole the alchemical fire from the wonderful

Piscian order and smothered it under a flummery, tinsel, form and ceremony of ecclesiasticism.

He who understands the esoteric meaning of fish will find the Philosopher's Stone; transmute base metals into gold, and be master of environments.

Jesus (the fish man) healed the sick by the touch of his hands—he chose fishermen for his disciples, walked upon the water, and prevented a Stone (Peter or Petra-Stone) from sinking—and when pressed for money to pay a tax he took the amount required from a fish's mouth—thus transmuting Substance into gold.

This being a dual or double sign, we have ever had words signifying this influence at work. So we have had "God and Devil," "Soul and Body" sinning and repenting," "up and down," "good and bad," and that this dual life has characterized the last two thousand years must be apparent to all. So we have in outline the record of the past two thousand years called the "Christian Era." We are prone to ask as we look out on the world today, what have we to show for our boasted Christianity after 2000 years of teaching and effort? We have war, bloodshed, hatred, greed, man against man, brother against brother; we have sickness, want, poverty, distress, discouragement, worry, fear, old age, and death, and but little seems to have been accomplished. Yet we have gradually moved upward on the ascending spiral: but the dual influence of the age is everywhere manifest. God and Devil, Good and Evil, have kept us on the up and down, and we have failed to heed the word of Jesus in this regard when he said: "If thine eye (mind) be single thine whole body (life) shall be full of light, but if thine eye (thought) be evil (dual) thine whole

body shall be full of darkness." We have exalted the man, the personal, but failed to know the truth, the Christ—hence creeds, dogmas, theologies, divisions, hatred, etc. The influences of the Pisces signs are so marked and so clear upon the pages of history "that he who runs may read." This age has now closed and the changes are working rapidly, the new is coming and old things and conditions are fast passing away, and the truth will soon make us free.

CHAPTER II.

INTO THE NEW

Theodore Roosevelt has said: "The play of new forces is as evident in the moral and spiritual world as in the world of the mind and body. Forces for good and forces for evil are everywhere evident, each acting with a hundred or a thousandfold the intensity with which it acted in former ages. Over the whole earth the swing of the pendulum grows more and more rapid, the mainspring coils and spreads at a rate constantly quickening. The whole world-movement is of constantly increasing velocity—this movement which is throbbing in every corner of the globe. In this movement there are signs of much that bodes ill, the machinery is so highly geared, the tension and strain are so great. Personally I do not believe that our civilization will fall. I think that on the whole we have grown better and not worse. I think that the future holds more for us than even the great past has held." There is a throb of hope among the nations, a hint, a whisper, has gone forth, that the Liberator shall arise to deliver His people, that the very atmosphere is alive with the unseen hosts of the Mighty One, sending forth vibrations of hope and strength.

"The Mighty One" is the all intelligence, manifesting through His great systems in space, and the hour hand now moves on the dial plate to a new hour (sign), and we now pass into the sign Aquarius. The system moves on through space around its great center and crossed the

line into Aquarius, February 12th, 1899. [Previous to this time the world had begun to feel the on-coming influences of a new sign, new conditions,—conditions entirely different from those of the preceding age. This is the only sign of man, and representative of it is the man with the water pouring out water, which is very significant, for this is to be the age of the outpouring; it is to be the age of man. "Then shall appear the sign of the son of man in the Heavens." In the sign Gemini, we have the twins, two children; in Sagittarius we have the Centaur, man and horse. The sign of man signifies Aquarius, and is vitality significant at the beginning of this grand new age. In the transition that has been taking place during the past years, there has been and still is a great unrest. This unrest has been felt religiously, politically, socially, financially and in almost every aspect and phase of life. Even nature itself has been undergoing disturbances of storm and earthquake, of volcano and tremendous disasters. While I am writing the revision of this book, the slaughter of thousands is taking place in Europe, a carnage which will end war on the Earth for a thousand years and more during the "Golden Age" which it will help usher in, haughty Monarchs and nations will be brought to their knees, and a new day will dawn: Monarchs will fall, and the people will begin to rule, and choose their own leaders and the time of peace and prosperity will have come to the earth.

We are emerging from the watery grave of the Pisces age and coming into the air and are beginning to get our breath. Conditions will soon settle, old things will pass away and all things are becoming new. In the Bible we read "There shall be no more sea." This is symbolic of the

passing away of the Pisces age and its influences, which was the age of water. The symbol of this sign is the Hebrew letter "M" and is the thirteenth Hebrew letter, "mem" and means woman, and this is to be the age of woman. Woman will come to her own, her Divine birthright. She will aid in ruling the earth, and everywhere will become en-franchised, and be privileged to vote side by side, with husband, father, and brother.

This is an air sign and the age is to be as different from the past ages as air is different from water. The characteristics of this age are humane, succeeding, serving, warm, fortunate, vital, magnetic, progressive, psychic, spiritual. It is the friend of the people, it is the house or mansion of the splendid planet Uranus. Uranus is at home in her own house (Aquarius) with her father the sun for the first time in 26,000 years. She will be in her own house for eight years, six years have already past, two are yet to come.

Uranus is "The Great Awakener," the breaker and destroyer of forms, being the reformer and reconstructor of life through new forms, mankind is receptive to its influence as never before. It means that old things are passing, and all things becoming new. Uranus is also a friend of the people, is the greatest psychic or spiritual producing of all the great planets; she is a great reformer and heavenly in her influence. She entered Aquarius in the latter part of 1912, and is doing her work splendidly by way of changes, and transformations that will make the earth a fit dwelling place for the Gods. She is the poor man's friend and as she continues in her own house, the reign of wealth will be at an end and humanity will take its

place and the lives and happiness of the people will be thought more of than dollars and cents. We shall all become more reasonable, charitable, sympathetic, progressive, christ-like.

Any one who is truly alive to the conditions manifesting in the present day can fully realize that these things are manifesting in many lives as never before. This will truly be the electric age and the powers of the air will be known and developed to the uttermost. We are now experimenting and demonstrating with air and electricity, and these are to be fully developed, conquered, utilized during this age, as water was during the Pisces age or the Christian Era. We are at the beginning of wonderful inventions and discoveries, as yet undreamed of; many of which are already beginning to be developed. We have wireless telegraphy, wireless telephone, the flying machine or swift winged vehicle, flying from the face of the earth, and all these things are coming because of the influences that are at work at the beginning of this new age. It was impossible that these things could have come previous to this time. The wireless telephone or telegraph would not have been possible until now, the etheric vibrations of the water age were not rapid enough to have vibrated the wireless message; but now at the beginning of this air age, with the strong astral and psychic influence prevailing, the ethers are vibrating more rapidly and are making possible these things,—are making possible the flying machine and many other inventions that the past ages could not have produced.

How do I know? I know because I understand the influences that have been at work during the ages through which we have passed, as I have just shown you in outline,

and I know to the very letter that all these influences have been carried out in the lives of men upon the earth; and I am sure the influences that are known to exist as associated with this sign must also be carried out, and the age of great possibilities is surely upon us; this IS the second coming of the Christ. Ever since his first appearance, men have been expecting the return of Jesus, but no where in the Bible or other sacred writings is this coming spoken of as a person coming out of heaven down to earth to associate himself with man. All the passages of scripture which refer to this coming speak of it as "coming in the heavens," "in the clouds of heaven," "out of the heavens." The appearing of the son of man in the heavens," "then shall appear the sign of the SON OF MAN in the heavens, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn." Christ is coming, not as a person, not as an individual. This would mean something local, something limited, something that could not possibly reach all men. If this were to take place it would mean a nationality, and a nationality would mean prejudice, and this prejudice would prevent a universal experience of the coming of Christ; but in the coming as it is manifest in the new age, it is the coming of the Christ Spirit manifesting in the individual. We are finding the Christ within, the Christ of all nations without reference to nationality, personality or individuality. Only as the Christ Spirit manifests through each individual is he fully awakened to his own divinity. This brings a new religion, for in religion as in all other things, the old must pass away and give place to the new, and the new religion is here and its mighty influence for the uplift of humanity is beginning to be felt on every hand. The sixth sense of man is now

beginning to develop. We are already becoming intuitive, magnetic, psychic. This is taking place in all peoples, consciously or unconsciously. In this age brotherhood will not be a mere sentiment but a demonstrated fact, because we shall enter into the life of a divine humanity as the world has never realized it before.

In a circular letter sent out by a Boston Publisher of Theological Literature, was this sentence: "Both Protestantism and Romanism are conscious of the fact that the world is on the eve of a great crisis." Rabbi Gries of Cleveland, Ohio, recently said: "There is a crisis in religion around the world,—in protestant Germany, in catholic Italy, in republican and free thinking France. It is a crisis which is destined to effect your and my religion,—a religious crisis, the interpretation of whose influence on the history of mankind none is gifted with the power to foretell." The "Crisis" which is alarming all Christendom is the mental struggle which has now assumed herculean proportions between old thought (Theology) armed with fiction on the one side and the young giant "New Thought" armed with the truth on the other side. It is a wide spreading truth arrayed against dense ignorance, prejudice, fiction, credulity; it is life battling against death; it is freedom battling against bondage; it is light battling against bigotry; it is liberty battling against slavery; it is opulence battling against poverty; it is health battling against disease; it is immortality battling against death; and the battle is on to stay until the flaming banner of truth, freedom, and love, shall have been unfurled in the "valley of the shadow of death," prejudice, and bondage; and until it shall be planted on the mountain top of life,

liberty and individuality of the world. Man is awakened as never before. He feels the impulse of the divine urge; he must go forward. "The sign of the son of man comes in the clouds." "Coming events cast their shadows before."

The air age was heralded by signs and portents. Ever since the year 1844 when Miller predicted the end of the world and his followers prepared their ascension robes in order that they might appear in a fitting garb to meet the son of man when he appeared, and later when the rappings came through the medium of the Fox Sisters, there have been signs of a spiritual age which is now dawning. Schools of psychic culture by deep breathing are the fads of the day. Our demonstrations have transcended curiosity and speculation and you may have your choice between taking a ride in a boat on a river or lake, or a row in an aerial skiff. Instead of sending a message by wire we send it by vibrating the air. The chemist tells us that we may manufacture all the food we need by precipitating air with proper rates of motion. The audacious alchemist goes still further and declares that as the spider hangs to the material aerial elements and thus forms its wondrous web, so we shall soon learn the secret of fixing of volatiles and weave materials from air, and garments made from this material will rival the clothing of the "Queen of Sheba." "If the prophets of old were as literally true in their predictions in regard to the state of man during the Aquarius millennium as they were in regard to other astrological cycles, what good may we not expect as we swing further and further into the celestial sign, Aquarius?" The Prophet Isaiah wrote: "The wilderness, and the solitary places, shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and

blossom as the rose. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not go up there; but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

CHAPTER III.

THE SWEET HERE AND NOW

One of the weak points of Christianity, as with most other religions, lies in laying too much stress on a life to COME and too little on the importance of the life HERE and NOW.

"The coming of the Son of Man (Aquarius Age) makes it possible for man to see the truth as never before.

With the NEW influences now at work in bringing to us the New Age, we are realizing that all there is of Truth, of Good (God), of Life, of Joy, etc., are NOW; that heaven after all is an inward state of consciousness and life, and not a far off place.

We are passing the transition stage; during this period, for the last few years, and for a short time to come; we have great upheavals and disturbances in all departments of life and its activities; and this is true of individuals as of the world.

At first the effect seems confused, chaotic, and the breaking up of old ideas in untrained minds often results in disorder and even in anarchy. Militant woman's suffrage, socialism, violent labor agitation, agnosticism, free-thought and free-love, easy divorce and utter commercialism alarm many. Nothing is sacred any longer to those who suffer financial stress or physical privation, and little do they care for priest or pastor, still less for law and government if they

cannot obtain their rights, real or fancied. It only means that old things shall pass away and all things shall become new. All these agitations are but the birth-pangs of the New Era in which justice and liberty shall prevail, for the woman no less than for the man. It means the reconstruction of society on a more equitable basis, and the readjustment of domestic relations from a far more just and generous standpoint. It means that prudery and hypocrisy and all morbid and irrational ideas in regard to the relations of the sexes must give place to reason, and fairness and sanity prevail.

"As time rolls on, and age follows age, humanity's horizon grows brighter with added revelations of Divine Wisdom. All the influences of Aquarius and Uranus are making themselves felt, and the manifestations are in evidence everywhere.

The Sampsons of labor have awakened and the domes and towers and citadels of graft and greed are tottering to their fall. The "Son of Man" has smitten the golden calf and it will be cremated and ground into powder. The great life insurance swindles are melting in the light of a new day; the beef trust, the gigantic oil and coal and food trusts are disintegrating from the effect of the vibration of the "Son of Righteousness" that is rising. Our earth will partake of the refinement and spiritualization of its fully redeemed people; its substance will be gradually etherealized and glorified so that it will contain elements like that of the sun. All created things, including the products of the earth, will pass through a similar transformation; "The Christ" will be lifted up and all hindrance will be eliminated from the pathway of progress for man. The age will com-

pletely eliminate all material grossness and sensuality until not a vestage of lust, misery or greed, will be able to rise as tormenting forces. God's will will be done on earth as it is in heaven.—It will be an age of unity or at-one-ness. All spirit is to unify or bring into oneness. This will be the age of the unifying of the races, and the institutions of war and competition are passing away. Competition has gone to seed and individualization is merging into co-operation, first in the trusts and great combinations, then in the ownership of all by all and then universal co-operation. The war is now driving the governments to this co-operation, for the good of the great cause for which we are fighting,—Democracy.

Perhaps the greatest discovery and change of the new age is the discovery of the possibility of the great within of the individual. Through the unifying process and realization of our oneness with the Universal, with the Infinite Mind, is realized more and more the limitless possibilities within man's soul. The study and practice of psychology are so developing and bringing out the latent power of man that it is not possible now to even hint as to what the end shall be. Telepathy, clairvoyance, psychometry, psychopathic, clairsaudience, occult power, the study of color of auras, etc., are all evidence of man's psychic development and spiritual growth. These must be developed and used by man if he wishes to reach his God designed goal, as he surely will. We find God's first thought about man was "let us make man in our image." This means a divinity within him which embraces all possibilities. God's second thought about man was "subdue and have dominion," and as we realize the fullness of the first thought and are fully

conscious of the divine image within, we shall rise to the possibilities of the second divine thought, to "subdue and have dominion."

We do not teach the theory of the dead Jesus but the living Christ. And within, every soul a God incarnate. With this thought, the baser forces will no longer dominate; the human will become subordinate to the divine; our bodies will change to finer substance from day to day and become more etherealized, and we shall be like Him, "for we shall see Him as He is."

Until the dawn of the new cycle marking the present age, there was no widely felt demand for "hidden wisdom," but now, when the whole earth is ringing with the story of marvelous scientific discoveries and achievements, there is a corresponding interest and enthusiasm to search out and realize the mighty forces of the soul. Did you ever analyze what is meant by the statement, "Ye are the temple of God and the spirit of God dwells in you?" Did you ever stop to realize that this spirit is God and that your own body is all that God has to manifest Himself through? If you are a temple of God, then in you is where God dwells—for "God is in his holy temple." The consciousness of this fact, with the influences at work without, will make all things possible for us. Tremendous soul, or divine power, comes as a result of this, and the one thus awakened is always loving, generous, kind and forgiving; he has within himself a center to attract all that is beautiful, all that is helpful. We are coming to realize that the foundations of life, love, peace, joy, plenty are within us ready to gush forth as soon as we shall realize our own. "All things are yours."

Another joy of the new age is the fact that it is to be an age of prosperity, opulence, fullness of supply. The supply already is. When a man fully understands the divinity of his being,—his oneness with the Infinite, he will enter into the fullness of his inheritance. The astral or psychic influence now at work are helping each of us to a fuller realization of this fact; the water man in this sign stands pouring out. This means a fullness, an opulence, an abundance of supply. We shall come more and more into universal supply and shall enter the consciousness of the truth that "All that the Father hath, is mine." We are beginning to understand the law of mental creation and to realize that mind is the great creative energy with which we have to do; and as we make our mental creation of opulence, we shall find the response coming from the Universal Supply to meet in fullness all of our requests. It is not the design of the Infinite Intelligence that any of his creatures should be in poverty or distress. God's will, if done on earth as in heaven, would be so lived out in our lives in the realm of our mental creations that we should all have fullness of supply for all our needs. "The Lord is my shepherd." I am abundantly supplied."

Another joy of this New Age is that it is to be an age of health. In this age the very air is charged with health. The vibrations are changing hourly to greater rapidity. This means that we shall be vibrated out of low, unhealthy, unwholesome thought and vibrated into the higher realm of the perfect health. When Christian Science came denying the existence of matter, man stopped to think. This seemed untrue. It is untrue. Matter does not exist as a principle of being; it is here as a form of being, but

spirit can change any form of being. In this age spirit in man will change every existing disease and ill health, because his mental creation will be of perfect health. He knows there is an allness of supply here; that the Infinite himself is perfect health and that his will is only for the perfect health of his children. So man will rise to control his own temple and it will not be desecrated by disease. The many systems of drugless healing are stepping stones to better spiritual methods that are already here. It is estimated that there are seventeen millions six hundred thousand people in the United States alone who employ drugless methods, the majority being mind cures. In ten years there will be fifty-five million people in the United States who will be living the health life. All Seers, Prophets and Teachers have foreseen a time and a race that is to inhabit the earth that shall be without disease, perfect in every form and function; and the time is coming on apace when it will be criminal to be sick, and those who are sick or diseased will be taken care of as those who are incapable of caring for themselves, or too ignorant to do so.

This is also to be an age of internal illumination or development of the soul faculties and powers. We have reached in man's unfoldment the sixth stage of development when the sixth sense is being unfolded. These things could not have come to man before this age. The vibration of the past ages have been too slow and too low for the development of the higher and diviner capacity of the soul, but now with the coming of the Aquarian influence, the sign being strongly psychic, occult and spiritual, there is a mighty awakening in man of his higher soul faculties, and today many people are becoming psychic. They are seeing things,

hearing things! Thought transference, mental telepathy, clairaudience, clairvoyance, is an every day occurrence among us. These things were practically unknown and entirely foreign to our fathers and mothers. We are just at the beginning, we are awakening with the electric, etheric, psychic influences pervading the very atmosphere we breathe. With these atmospheric influences in our natures, we are awakening on the higher plane of man's unfoldment and being. The religion of our fathers taught much of preparing to die and going to heaven; but it never once intimated how we might prepare to converse in heaven. The religion of the New Age will teach us not only how to converse without the use of vocal organs, as in mental telepathy, but also how to see without the physical eye, to hear without the physical ear and to develop all the senses of our higher being, so that ere we leave the earth plane we shall be fully equipped for all demands of life that may be beyond,—the thought of life being such that all the potential and latent powers of the soul are being awakened. We have found the "kingdom within," and having found this, all other things become possible to us.

Another joy of the New Age is the fact that this change is to see the end of old age and physical death. By the theology of the past we have been taught to die. To get ready to die has been the life work of our fathers. Now our life work is to get ready to live. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he," for as long as we were taught death and thought death we were simply reaping what we had sown. Now we are talking life, thinking life, love, life, and we shall also reap what we sow. In this age, Life Eternal for physical man is wrapped within the folds of the invisible

vital waves which surround us. The Aquarian Age is the age of life, it is life battling against death, and when we know how to extract life with its power and strength, there will be no more physical decay. We shall supercede it, we shall rise above it. We have set the standard and our children's children will attain unto it. Gradually the unfoldment is coming, and as we rise out of the adverse suggestions and unwholesome influences and away from the thought of dying, we shall grow more and more into the thought of perpetual life. In nature we find the great law of perpetual renewal continually at work. Just so soon as we fully understand the creative power of mind, and wheel our thoughts into line with this law of perpetual renewal, we shall build out of our bodies all the elements of disease, decay and death, and the resurrection life will be at work in our organism and we shall build up a body that shall be too ethereal, too refined, too full of life to be overcome by disease or physical death. In the new age, the millennium age, "all tears are to be wiped away from our eyes and there shall be no more death nor sorrow nor crying, nor shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away." "He that overcometh shall inherit all things."

This is the age of overcoming, of superceding, of rising above, of inheriting. "The sweet now and now" is the theme of our song rather than the "sweet bye and bye." We know now "that all the Father hath is ours."

This Age means a coming of the new heaven and the new earth, the life abundant, the joy unspeakable, the peace that passeth understanding, the life of love and happiness and of prosperity. The prime purpose of the New Age is

to be the production of greater men and women. "We have discovered the potential possibilities within man; we are teaching our fellow man to unfold these latest powers and grow into the fullness of the divine being; and as a result of greater men and greater women, the secondary purpose, greater things, will become easy and natural.

These are a few of the good things at hand in this millennium age that has already dawned; it is to be the Sabbath or triumph of the ages, the Golden Age that men have so long looked and waited for; this is the "Holy City," the "New Jerusalem" coming down from God out of Heaven prepared as a bride adorned for the husband." Thus cometh the Golden Age; the long expected Millennium.

All the glory, fullness and joy of the new day may be yours, dear reader, if you will but awaken to realize your potential but latent powers and possibilities; all things are yours. Awaken in consciousness to the sublime possibilities; wheel your thought into line with the Divine vibrations that are already awakened, and you will find expressing in your life all that you have hoped for in a distant heaven, here in the sweet now and now.

"The Son of man appears in the heavens with power and great glory."

"This world it is fairer than day;

And its beauties and joys are all mine:

For the Father is with me alway,

And His presence makes life all sublime."

CHAPTER IV.

THE NEW THOUGHT--ITS ORIGIN

The New Thought as a great world movement would never have become an effort, and a movement, but for the "Coming of the Son of Man," as set forth to the reader in the foregoing Chapter.

The new conditions make a new cosmic urge, and the vast majority of New Thought people are such, not from a definite deliberate choice, but because of an influence they never attempted to account for, which awakened in their minds a longing for a something that would satisfy a soul hunger, an hungering and thirsting for a faith and hope, that would satisfy the inner demand and fill the objective life with a richness and satisfaction it had never enjoyed. Upon reading their first New Thought magazine or book; or upon hearing their first New Thought lecture or message, they found it met an inner response, and at once awakened a larger thought and life, that meant for them a new hope and new conditions.

The new Astral influences and intelligences are responsible for this new awakening, new life, New Thought, and the new joys of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

In the study of the origin of New Thought, we have an origin that is distinctive, and unique; so far as I recall there has never been another like it in the history of the world; there never can be one which when understood, can appeal

to all minds, who are seeking for Truth, without limitation, or respect to persons, or mere local conditions.

This is a great universal, cosmic movement and awakening; its shining is from the east unto the west, from center to circumference—like the order of "Melchizedek" without beginning of days or end of years.

Every great movement of a moral, philosophical, or religious nature, has had its inception, and beginning with a person, and a locality, who have issued edicts, creeds, laws, rules, doctrines, theories, which tend to limit, to restrict, in many cases to bind the thought and action of their adherents or followers; and prove the cause for strife and divisions. This is true of all the religious movements of our time, and it is because of this fact that many of them are going into decline and death with the awakening of the larger consciousness in human thought and life. The New Thought movement and life as no other of modern times is of heavenly origin, coming from God out of the heavens, as shown in Chapter 2. It is an immaculate conception, without even a human mother, as such, but is purely divine and spiritual; it was gestated in the womb of the cosmos from which all things universal and eternal are born. It is a marvelous or miraculous birth into objective expression; out of the new forces and influences cosmically at work, through the new and higher etheric vibrations, is awakened in the mind and thought of man and women made ready by the operation of divine law, the new truths, new light, the new message was (is) quickened into expression.

The new cycle—new age—is bringing new intelligence, new awakenings, new thought, new conditions, a new

heaven and a new earth; the New Thought is a great inspiration "without beginning of days, or end of years." "From everlasting to everlasting;" "The same yesterday, and today and forever." The truth, the principle, the great divine facts are eternal; but new to the thought of the individual who is to give them expression. New Thought had no "borning" in a physical sense, it has no earthly father nor mother; It is a new consciousness, a new awakening, a new mental-spiritual conception; It is New Thought, the world's great redeemer and saviour.

Added to this there are those who know that with these influences there is in this divine origin the "Great Brotherhood" of divine men—sometimes called "Masters," the Great Heirarchy of Adepts, who aid on the higher and invisible planes, in establishing great principles, laws and truths in the earth, when the fullness of time is come, as is the case with the coming of the new age. The New Thought movement is to be the mouthpiece for the declaration of the new gospel of a full salvation.

In the past ages of materialism, personalities were necessary to establish the new thoughts given that formed the basis of former movements, but the trouble is the majority still cling to the person, and the teachings, dogmas and creeds they gave, once true as men conceived of and understood them then; but today entirely outgrown, because a new light, and life has dawned; religion like all things born of personalities, is evolutionary, and constantly seeking new expression, and new conceptions are awakened; the best is yet to come.

Great truths, ideas, light, awakenings, are brought into manifestation through the avenue of many minds, who are

awakened by the influence, and inspiration of universal mind, or truth. We have passed the time in the advanced truth when we shall worship personalities, or cling to the teachings of one person only; the truth of the universal mind (Cosmos) is too broad for that, and as we emerge from the darkness and limitations of the past age, we shall cease to look for or expect a "world teacher" or the coming again of the personal Jesus. We shall in the new time and under the teachings of New Thought know that The Christ is universal, eternal, without respect of person. We are learning of The Christ latent in every soul to be brought into expression in every individual, and the work of each soul, is to awaken to the consciousness of the indwelling Christ, and thus to become an individualizer of the universal Christ, Truth, Life, Spirit and Love.

New Thought did not have its origin in one person, or one book, or creed. It is rather a great inspiration coming to many in all parts of the earth, a great awakening. It is God's (universal) truth seeking a manifestation in the individual thought and life.

Emerson, the great sage and prophet of modern time was perhaps the first to use the term "New Thought," but it was far beyond his thought to organize a movement to be known by that name, or any other for that matter. His was really the thought of religion as a fine art, rather than as a fine theology, or belief. Later came Dr. Quinby, and his class of students: Dr. Evans, Mrs. Eddy, Dr. Dresser and others. Then came Prentice Mulford, and since his day, have come many writers, then teachers, and lecturers, until today the movement numbers its millions; but it calls

no man, authority, master or lord. It has no book, no priest, no board, no pope, to dictate or chastise. It moves in the unity of the spirit, its inspiration and only authority is the bond of love and peace; the freedom of the individual is its corner stone, progress its watchword; God and the individual a majority. Its adherents are guided by the "Indwelling Presence," which is "evenly present" with every soul of man. "The inspiration of the Almighty giveth understanding."

The movement as known today is an evolution from an intellectual fine art of living, into a metaphysical, or spiritual, (mental spiritual) fine art of living. It is a "finding of the kingdom within" which adds all things in practical life.

Thus the New Thought is here, and it is concerned especially with the eternal verities manifesting through the constructive power of right thinking, and the attitude of mind that leads one to inward peace, harmony, health, success and all good. We are to extend our area of consciousness from the personal self, and a saviour in the form of a person; into the heights and depths of the divine and universal. And who shall set limitations to the divine, the higher self, the eternal Christ of every man, when it has attained at-one-ment with the universal?

The New Thought movement is of the universal, and eternal; is responsible to no origin or authority save the "Spirit of Truth," which shall teach us all things, its principles are eternal, hence universal in their application and use; and its teachers go forth with this message, to help

animal man,—subject to change—to a consciousness and realization, of the changeless, deathless, spiritual man, free from limitations, full of life, health, happiness and an abundance of all good, here and now.

CHAPTER V.

THE NEW MAN

One of the evidences of the dawn of a new era is in the fact that man everywhere is beginning to realize the possibilities within the human beyond the imaginings of his fore-fathers, and that these possibilities are to be brought into expression, by awakening, by knowledge and discipline.

Whatever animal man may have been, or what his design, we may not know—what we do know is that when we first knew him we found him crude and low in appearance and manifestation, but “since time began we see the steady gain of man.” There has been no “fall,” no retrograde movement; he with all creation, in the Divine Plan of things, has moved steadily on and up, and as we find man today we are driven to conclude he is the culmination and final product of life and creative intelligence in nature.

I am not to attempt to write of the beginning of physical man, I do not know: I do not know any person that does; I am to begin where I find man, and help him to become the “man that is to be.” In the highest sense we are just beginning to “make man” with the coming of the New Age; and in this work we find two methods proposed. The first is the old method with the belief that man is imperfect, and by improving the imperfect we may bring into manifestation the greater, the diviner man. The second, and really the new method is that man is in reality latently and

potentially perfect; and that advancement is made not by trying to improve man himself but by bringing into expression the perfection that already exists, latent but potential within.

We are bound to recognize the scientific law that nothing can be evolved that is not first involved, we are beyond the thought of imputed righteousness, it is that which is within that is to be brought into expression in the objective life, if we are unconscious of power within we are not likely to bring it into manifestation until there is an awakening.

Evolution proves, if it proves anything, that the infinite energy of the universe is laboring always to unfold, always to develop, always to uplift, all that has life, in order that they may rise to a more abundant life. The infinite force of the universe never opposes advance. Its purpose is single, and that is to unfold, to grow, thereby enlarging and intensifying every faculty. It lifts humanity upward to understand and to know that all power is resident within the selfhood, and that all that man can dream, or think, or hope, or imagine of God as infinite force is resident, and must be resident within. The first thought of the creative intelligence about man was "let him be in our image;" he could not in the nature of things be anything else, as like produces like, according to a Divine Law; that image is not physical, but the likeness of Divine being, in being the same in quality; for we are driven to the fact that the real man within is perfect and limitless; in his essential nature, Divine; Deific.

The awakening has come with the higher vibrations of the new time, and man has mentally conceived of a new consciousness of the truth of being. Objective thought and

a false theology have kept him "the worm of the dust," but he is coming to himself, and is beginning to realize the real truth of his being. Thanks to New Thought and the New Psychology the real work of man-making begins. The intelligence says to the will "let us make man," let us make a divine man out of an animal man, or rather let us bring the divine man into expression in the personal life.

One thing that distinguishes the New Thought is the fact that it declares "The Infinite Possibilities of Man through constructive thinking." It means that man is limitless in his thought-creative power. It rests in the fact of the limitless possibilities of each individual to reach out toward the Infinite, and to become conscious of his power and ability to make his own life and destiny.

The New Psychology has brought to us the realization of the subconscious mind, or the divine (soul) side of man. This is not something man has, but something he is, and with the New Thought of himself he is beginning to realize the power of becoming, because of the awakening to the fact, of what he potentially is. With this knowledge man is beginning to supercede the conditions of the limiting mind of the five physical senses, and out of the limitless deep of real being, one with infinite being, he is coming to realize his true worth and power, and already is making rapid strides in man-making, and bringing into manifestation the new man.

Man is the life principle organized to its highest potentiality; he is the highest vibrating center of force that consciously exists upon this planet as form, he is becoming conscious of this fact and more and more the limitations of his objective mind will be overcome, and he will enter into

his own as a divine being. There is nothing external to man, above him, or fascinating to him, that is not in him; he is all he recognizes and a thousand times more. Nature has no secrets he may not grasp, no avenues he may not pierce, no mastery he may not attain. He is recognizing himself as master of his own fate, the judge of his own actions, and the possessor of all the mental powers necessary to accomplish the purpose he has crystalized into an idea. Humanity is awakening to its mighty potentialities, and this mental illumination is ushering in an intellectual dawn announcing freedom of thought, and the emancipation of man from bondage and superstition, from suppression and from all undesirable environment.

The object of man's life is to become conscious that he is, not an illusive personal form, but an impersonal immortal reality. "Life (God) sleeps in the mineral, breathes in the vegetable, dreams in the animal, and comes to consciousness in man." The new consciousness of man's power and possibilities will now become a new expression, he will become a manipulator and controller of nature's forces, also of the life forces in plant, animal and within his own body; he will be a fulfilment of the dream of the alchemist. He will realize the most wonderful dreams or visions that have ever entered the mind of man; he will become capable of their perfect realization and fulfilment. The new man instead of being a destroyer will be a preserver, a creator; the very forms (plants, etc.) will take on a more lasting, a more enduring nature, because of the new consciousness that perceives life and intelligence within in all things and all

men.

The new man will realize that he is an individualizer of all that he has attributed to his God; that the being of God is his being, that his will is the focal point for the mighty energies of God. He will so direct these energies that God (the all good) will become a manifestation in his body and life. The new man will so realize God as health, that he will be a manifestation of perfect health, and will become immune from all diseases and sickness; he will live in the divine thought and spirit of youth so that he will not "grow" old (we get old when we stop growing), he will resurrect himself out of all undesirable conditions of body, because of his new mental attitude. He will know no fear, worry, discouragement, sorrow, or death; he will know the truth and the truth will make him free; he will live in the joy of Love and the peace that passeth understanding. He will be self-poised, independent, candid, free; he will observe, investigate, demonstrate. In the world of his thought and life there will be continuous summer, perpetual seed-time and harvest. The new man will have full use of the wireless telegraphy of mind; the clairvoyant sight of the soul life; the clairaudient ear, that will hear the music of the spheres, that exquisiteness of touch which is of the soul. So living and working in the higher and finer vibrations of the spiritual life of the new ages, will enable us to perform the miracles of the Christ power, which are no miracles at all but the manifestations and exemplifications of the power possessed by one man who lived in the highest creative forces of the higher spiritual vibrations, which are the potential possessions of every soul only waiting conscious recognition and use.

The new man will realize his relation to universal life. He will generate Health, Strength, Courage, Wholeness, Power, Fullness of life, Prosperity and Joy. He will come into mastery of his own kingdom; into his true place in his father's house. Thus will he clothe himself with the mantle of ideal beauty; rob eternal truth of her sacred mystery, and command the stream of goodness to flood his life with refreshing showers and fullness of love. "And Greater things than these shall ye do."

CHAPTER VI.

THE NEW RELIGION

The influences making a new age and producing a new man must of necessity have a new Religion; for, as all religions to date are man-made, the new man must have a religion to fit the new-conditions and meet the new demands of the time, and the new call of the soul with its higher conceptions and awakenings.

"Without a vision the people perish;" and it is the new vision of all things we are getting that is awakening the greater demands and the larger realizations. There is no mystery, or occult lore about the New Thought vision. It is the realization of power within—all power—because of all presence, of Omnipotence. We do not need the occult—we do not need to believe in the Bible, or any other book of revelation, to come in touch with the power that is within. What the individual needs is to realize that all the power he can use is now within, awaiting conscious direction by himself as an individual. This realization will give him a new vision of himself, his fellowman, his God, and his relation with the whole.

Emerson truly says: "A man should learn to detect and watch that gleam of light which flashes across his mind from within, more than the lustre of the firmament of bards and sages." "What have I to do with the sacredness of traditions if I live wholly from within? The relations of the soul to the divine spirit are so pure that it is profane to seek to interpose helps." "If, therefore, a man claims to

know of God, and carries you backward to the phraseology of some old, mouldered nation in another country, in another world, believe him not."—Whence this worship of the past? "Now is the accepted time, and now the day of salvation," not an ancient salvation necessarily, but the salvation of now. Every religion has been worked out for the needs of the time in which it began. The great Teacher said "greater things than these shall ye do." And this is as true of religion making and salvation as any other work of life. Knowing this fact we realize how unwise it is to try to employ the same religious systems for all time, because the needs of the soul necessarily change with the advance of the race, and a new religion, or a largely modified one, is necessary with every spiritual advancement.

We are passing through a period of great religious upheaval and reorganization, a great change in religious thought, and the change is not coming from within the established order. It never does; but it is coming from without. The new movements of the time are being used of the spirit to introduce the new message and mission. It is a statement of reason and science that leads us into the larger truth and light of the son of God. It is an untrammelled return to the Christian source in the light of modern thought. It seeks to substitute simplicity for complexity and to get down to moral values in its use of religious terms. Its starting point is the re-emphasis of the Christian belief in the Divine eminence in the universe and in man, every man.

The new religion is a religion of science and fact; it is the recognition that upon the foundation laid by modern

science a vaster and nobler fabric of faith is rising than the world has ever known before; science is supplying the facts which the new religion is weaving into the texture of religious knowledge and experience; it is going to be a growth from the every day life and the newer needs of the people. It is answering the constant little and big, daily and hourly problems of life and is entering more deeply into these processes of our daily living. It is proving a religion that delivers from sickness and disease, poverty and want, worry and discouragement, sorrow and care, self-depreciation and limitation; and leading us into the promised land of our desires and helping us to realize that "I will give thee the desires of thine heart." This the old has never done only as it promised it in some far off time and place it knew nothing about.

There is today a new and larger demand for a religion that can satisfy the life and meet and satisfy the newly awakened demands of that something that money and lands, theology, creeds, forms, rituals, ceremonies will not satisfy. The effort is to bring to light the best that can be had, by the most advanced souls, for the new spiritual needs of the new time and the new man. The best and most perfect religious systems ever evolved are in preparation—a religion that comes into the every day life of here and now, so that where there was doubt, fear, worry, discouragement, weakness, there shall be courage, health, strength, faith, success, and greater love, a real, vital, telling thing. The appeal is to the inner consciousness, with truth that can be recognized intuitively and at once—not some ancient man's theorising about God, man and a future life, but the great

fact that "God in the soul of man speaketh directly, the seat of all authority and religion," for each individual.

So, in the new religion, we have not a "worm of the dust" theory, but are assured that man has his being in the All Being and was and is eternally one in that being and never was or can be separated from Him, or It; but that whatever the seeming may be from objective reasoning, down in the depth of real being he is latently and potentially divine, and in being in the "image and likeness" of universal being. What the new religion is endeavoring to do is to help man to realize this potential divinity, this essential oneness, "I and the Father are one." When this consciousness obtains, the divine limitless powers within man will be awakened and the latent possibilities will come into manifestation; then with him "old things will pass away and all things become new." Then he will find a new God and his God of theology will abdicate, and his new God, he will realize, is all that he desires of opulence, health, success, happiness, power, Life, wisdom, love, and every good thing. And he will realize also it is the Father's will to give him the Kingdom and with it every good in abundance, here and now.

Modern Psychology has found the great interior mind of man to be the link that unites him with the great Divine Mind—That in soul being he is the same in quality and, as he recognizes this relationship and quality, he has a new starting point and the "all things" promised become his. He now knows that life is not many—though it has many expressions—but is one and universal, without beginning or end. "There is one mind (life) common to all individual men. Every man is an inlet and may become an outlet of all there is of God."

With this fact of our oneness with the infinite whole, the new man finds himself limitless in his power to become, for the "Indwelling Presence" does the work, through his (new) constructive thinking. Jesus is now his Elder brother, encouraging the younger to go forth to do "greater things" than the Elder brother did; so he goes forth, knowing that all things are possible. He overcomes sickness and disease, worry, discouragements, fear, want, and so forth; he now lives as the indwelling God must, health, joy, prosperity, opulence, peace, love, the spirit of youth—he is in the resurrection life, and the "corruptible is putting on incorruption, and the mortal, immortality, and the "last enemy" is being "overcome" and death with him is being swallowed up in victory—his new religion is at work in a practical way and the joy of living has begun, Heaven is established in consciousness, so that he is sure of it; the one life in God blots out the grave—Now there is no death. What seemed so is "transition." His soul "goes marching on" and his destiny in his own making—but, realizing his divinity, he will make his destiny right.

The New Religion is making ready the world for its travail for the birth of the greatest realization of ideals that the mind can conceive, and in the practical is beginning to experience that "The tabernacle of God is with man, and He dwells with them, and they shall be His people, and God wipes away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away." The new man with his New Religion has learned to live the life that makes all things new.

CHAPTER VII.

THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

"And I saw a New Heaven and a new Earth—for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." In the preceding chapters I have endeavored to show you something of the outer influence at work to bring about the new creation. When we proceed to follow the vision of the new, we begin to live the new life, we proceed under the inspiration of a new understanding, and that superior understanding will shed new light on the problems of life. Our ideas will be new and this will work wonders. Our methods will be new; our aims and objects will be new; everything will be new, because we have found new light, a better way of living, working and doing things. He that sits on the throne of your being, your individual self, says: "Behold, I make all things new."

This is the great central principle in this work, and here we find the real significance of what we speak of in this age as New Thought. New Thought means new life, new conditions, new experiences, new expressions and new joys. If we would be true to the principle of New Thought—thought that is ever new—we must rise continually into a higher and higher expression of life. The new vision, new thought, new states of mind, new states of consciousness, are followed by new creations, new conditions, new experiences, new expressions. Thus the new heaven and the

new earth—for we must not think that these things come ready made, any more than we can have a ready made salvation or a ready made distant heaven. We look for Utopia, we want it ready made. Not so, it must be worked out, it must first be your creation. Then "your own will come to you." If a New Heaven and a New Earth could come to us in our old conditions, of belief, thought and life, think you we could appreciate it or enjoy it, would it long remain in a state of sweetness or beauty? Nay, we must see to it in every case that we are inwardly fitted for every condition we would enter into and enjoy. It must truly be our by creation, in thought, mind, consciousness and life.

The New Heaven refers to inner states and life. New conditions must come by vision, awakening from within. Do you realize what you are in inner possibilities and power? Do you realize that you must be, within the self first, any condition you would enter into in the without? If you wish to transform life (earth) you must first transform mind. If you wish to rebuild body, or change material conditions, you must first create the new and more ideal in thought. You must know how great the within of real being is. This is He who sits upon the throne in the great within, the I AM of your own being.

The power, therefore, to create for ourselves, a new life, a new mode of existence, a new heaven and a new earth, is a power we hold within ourselves. As man is within, so is his world, so is his atmosphere, his universe, everything. And as we realize the new heaven in consciousness, the new earth will be manifest visibly and tangibly in life, and the result, the "former undesirable things pass away."

The new earth refers to physical life and objective things. When the new heaven is established within there will begin to manifest a new earth in your material conditions and in your physical body. In the new creation that will now be consciously set up, you will begin to realize a poised condition of nerves and bodily functioning. Health and wholeness and radiant life will manifest—the cares and ills of the flesh will pass away; happiness will become dominant; your temporal affairs will begin to improve; new conditions and new opportunities will come as a result of the new heaven; new friends, better friends; a new outlook on life—a new power will manifest, a new understanding, awakenings and successes undreamed of will be in evidence; the joy of real life and being now come into manifestation in the new earth—your earth. Now you can realize that “the wilderness and the solitary places shall be glad, and deserts shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing. “The parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water; and the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass, with reeds and rushes.” And they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

As the new heaven is thus recognized within, the new earth appears for the individual, and individuals co-operating with the new astral influences, shall in the new age, make of the earth an Eden; the new man will transform politics, economics, social conditions; democracy shall become universal; the worker and capitalist will harmonize; the labor union and trust union will cease to be; woman will find her rightful place; the child will be properly bred and born and

properly educated and placed in the proper vocation in life to be of the greatest value and service.

Greater men and women will be the result of the new heaven, and as a result greater things shall become manifest in the new earth; then

"Will love prevail in every breast,
And happiness abound;
And all mankind be truly blest,
Humanity be crown'd."

CHAPTER VIII.

THE NEW LIFE

One has well said: "I do not wish to expiate, but to live." It is not long since to live meant simply to exist: perhaps at best to prepare to die; and, to think of it, what a ridiculous thing has been thrust upon us from the ignorant past, to live to prepare for something we would all avoid—death. But life has taken on a new meaning, a new purpose, which makes of it a new life, for it now becomes worth while, and living to live, may be made a perpetual hope and joy.

To truly live means more than to be a moving, breathing, eating, drinking and talking human creature.

He who is actually alive finds the days too short for the wonderful opportunities and possibilities that life offers. He finds himself an object of interesting study; he is coming more and more to realize himself the same in the life quality as the source of life, for all life is one; he perceives that within himself lie all the powers and possibilities in the universe; and that in himself lies the will to work out these possibilities.

Our present effort and study is to realize life's opportunities, to know that it has taken on a new meaning and a new purpose, and the highest purpose of life is to educate man in the wonderful art of living.

There is today an absolutely new order of thought, and re-statement of human beliefs; from a new order of thought is coming a new order of living, and life is having a new meaning; and this new meaning is coming because we now know it is limitless, universal, eternal, and powerful: all the life of the universe is back of us, all this life is trying to find expression through us (you): that it is regulated and guided in its expression by thinking. The life power must be directed by thought, as thought is new and high, the life will find a new and high expression.

When we know our powers of mind and thought and life, we realize that as we know ourselves as divine men, and that we are in and of life that is one, and universal, we can begin to understand how through our thought power we become manipulators of the life force, and what seems a new life is now in manifestation; through the new consciousness, and mental awakening, we find we can direct life in our own bodies, and bring it into so complete expression that our bodies may be made free from sickness, disease and death, because "all is life." We learn to direct life in animal and plant, transforming from the inferior to the superior, and more perfect.

The briefest definition of the new life is, "The life that is eternally becoming larger, freer and better." When everything that you are conscious of in your being is constantly changing for the better, larger, higher, you are living the new life; and such a life is actually new, because to change for the better, and freer, is to enter states of consciousness that have not been realized before. When we awaken to the consciousness of ourselves as divine, eternal, limitless, that all life is one, with many expressions,

according to the directing intelligence, that life is free and boundless, that it is all at our disposal, that there is no God or devil to be feared, but that the "all good" (God) is ready to express in all its fullness through the avenue of life consciously directed, we begin the new life. Such a life is actually new, for the individual, because to change for the better is to enter states of consciousness that have not been realized before. The advancing mind enters new mental worlds, and to live in a new world is to live a new life. To live the new life is to pass through a perpetual re-creative process, a constant renewal, the result of which is the constant refinement of every atom of the body: the constant enlargement of every faculty of the mind, and the constant unfoldment of every attribute of the soul.

When we begin to view life from the standpoint of the new life, we realize that the greatest good that one man can do for another is not to convert him to what is supposed to be a better system of belief, but to inspire in him the desire to become all that lies within his power to become; for the New Life, as the New Thought, has to do fundamentally with the potential divinity and possibilities in man, and bring these into manifestation.

To enter the New Life will mean complete emancipation from the sickness, ills, limitations, discouragements, poverty, want, and weakness, because the whole being is entering the better and larger continually; happiness, harmony, health, and contentment are inseparably united with the new life.

The "spirit of life" will thrill every thought and effort of life; the mind will be awakened to the new glories and possibilities of its own powers: new confidence will be

awakened: there will be a new song of rejoicing: the ears will vibrate to new harmonies: new hopes, aspirations, realizations will flood the being, and life will now be a joy and fullness; a new light will have dawned, even this, that life not death is man's destiny and glory.

The more we live in the new life, the more we realize that the greatest results are secured through the unrestricted use of principles that are fundamental, and methods that are conducive of originality; and that great souls are developed only where their minds are left free to use methods according to their own understanding and insight; and as one is awakened to the new life, there will be new thought, and this will continually enlarge the understanding and quicken the insight, so that new ideas, and ideals will enrich every effort and work of life. To live the new life means the realization of your ideals; the constant growth into these superior states that were revealed through the soul's awakening. This would include the attainment of greater wisdom, more power, a finer character, a higher mind, higher accomplishments, and the consciousness of the real life of the soul.

This will mean entering into the life sublime, glorified, full, rich; and to do this you must realize the true dignity and value of your own being, your relation with the one life, that you are here to use life for its highest and divinest expression. Live upward, "rise to newness of life" continually, grow the fruits that will be the desired products; and most of all know that the new life means SERVICE. Nothing can make life so rich, so sublime, so noble, as service: Jesus, when questioned of the way of life, told his questioner to go and DO certain things. "What shall I do

to inherit eternal life?" and with the answer was: "This DO and thou shalt live." Not everyone that saith, Lord, Lord — "Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things I say?" Not creed, not dogma, not churchanity, but unselfish service is the spirit of the new life, and being conscious of its unity with the whole, realizing its power and possibilities, its thought being new, and alive, it must find its best expression in loving, true, helpful service, knowing that:

"Not enjoyment and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way,
But to act that each tomorrow
Finds us nobler than today."

THINGS TO COME

First and greatest of all the good things to come is; greater men and women.

Man is to become conscious of the fact that he is potentially a creator, the creator of his own mind, his own personality, his own environment, his own world, his own destiny.

Man is to become so conscious of the sub-conscious self that he will know no limitations to his being, to his knowing and becoming; he is to know his divine heritage of mastery and conquest.

The man that is on the way will master all hygienic and sanitary laws and will become physically perfect, because he will awaken to the perfect mental image.

Man will, through mental mastery and dominion, abolish all human ills and sickness; he will so understand the will of all Health that he will pray and live "Thy will be done" fully, so that he shall be in body what he is in mind and understanding, perfect health. The sick man will be imprisoned or taken care of, as the murderer and the thief are today.

The coming man will be Happiness and Prosperity. The conditions will become fully awakened in his own mentality and inner consciousness and these conditions, with every desired good, will become his very life and like will attract like continually.

As a result of this development man will be resurrected out of ageing conditions and will intelligently co-operate with the law of constant renewal at work in his body, and the spirit of youth, so that what we now know as "old age" will be banished and the resurrection life will put on immortality in his physical body.

The new man is becoming psychic, intuitive, inspirational; he will receive impressions, directions and visions out from the universal and from the minds of others; he will be clairvoyant, clairaudient; mental-spiritual telepathy will take the place finally of all material telegraphs, telephones, etc; people on opposite sides of the globe will converse with each other more readily than they do now with the most perfect instruments.

In this Air-Age it is easy to understand that aerial navigation is the coming mode of transportation; the aerial machine will be perfected and made as safe as travel by land or water, and much cheaper. In twenty years hence flying machines will be as common, and as much used by the people, as is the automobile today.

Air motors, or motors run by an aerial energy, will propel the world's machinery, from the smallest to the greatest, with practically no cost to operate, with perfect safety. And perpetual motion will be successfully shown in many motors and inventions.

Among the "things to come" will be an electrico-magnetic invention which will suspend the operation of the law of gravity at the will of the operator, and enable immense masses to be moved as a feather in the wind.

Already we are holding communion in many ways with our discarnated ones, and as we are spiritually awakened more and more, this will become as common as our family visits and intercourses, and discarnate spirits will materialize physical bodies and pay visits of several days to friends on earth. This will be made possible because of the increasing rate of etheric vibrations brought about by the new astral influences of the "age of the son of man."

Coming, a telescope, and an instrument whereby the inhabitants and landscapes of other planets will be made visible, and interplanetary communication be established.

We are to have glass houses, fire-proof and marvels of beauty. Furniture and household utensils will be made of transparent material resembling glass, fire-proof and very tough.

And what shall I say more of things to come, by way of science, art, inventions, discoveries, research, ideas? Of changes in society, in economics, commerce, industry, democracy, brotherhood, woman, vocations, new production, in plants, fruits, flowers, etc?, man at school, learning of his power and possibilities and the product of his studies, ideas and work are coming into expression. The life more abundant is rapidly being manifest; aliveness is one of the watchwords; forward is the call, and progressive souls everywhere are responding grandly, neither the bigot, priest nor pessimist can stay the movement of the incoming tide. The beginning of the good time is already here and all who are living to live will see its fulfillment.

"The stars come nightly to the sky;
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
Can keep my own away from me."



The Golden Age

The Golden Age we will revive,
Each man will be a brother;
In harmony we all shall live;
And share the truth together.
In virtue trained, enlightened youth
Will love each fellow-creature;
And future years shall prove the truth
That man is good by nature.
Then let us toast with three times three
The reign of Peace and Liberty.
—Robert Burns.

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